

shale technology research and development, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3813) to amend title 5, United States Code, to secure the annuities of Federal civilian employees, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highway, public transportation, and highway and motor carrier safety programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–398). **Page H725**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H699**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H700**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 303 yeas to 89 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 49. **Pages H700, H708–09**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:44 p.m. and reconvened at 4:47 p.m. **Page H705**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

**John J. Cook Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 2079, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the "John J. Cook Post Office"; **Pages H705–06**

**Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3247, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building"; and **Pages H706–07**

**Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3248, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building". **Pages H707–08**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:12 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H708**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 11:17 p.m. **Page H724**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress his Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2013—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–78). **Pages H702–05**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H702.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One ye-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H708–09. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 11:19 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

**Securing Annuities for Federal Employees Act of 2012; Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, & Resource Security Act; American Energy & Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012**

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 4, a structured rule for H.R. 3408. The rule provides one hour of general debate with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of titles XIV and XVII of Rules Committee print 112–14 shall be considered as adopted, and provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments to H.R. 3408 printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall be not subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 3408 with or without instructions. The resolution further provides for a structured rule for H.R. 3813 and provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of title XVI of Rules Committee Print

112–14 shall be considered as adopted, and provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments to H.R. 3813 printed in part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 3813 with or without instructions. The resolution provides general debate for H.R. 7. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 7. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of titles I through XIII and XV of Rules Committee Print 112–14 shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that no further consideration of the bill shall occur except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. The rule directs the Clerk to retain title and section designations as they appear in Rules Committee Print 112–14 when preparing an amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 7, H.R. 3408, H.R. 3813. The rule authorizes the Clerk to make technical and conforming changes to amendatory instructions in the engrossment of H.R. 3408 and H.R. 3813. The rule directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.R. 7, add the texts of H.R. 3408 and H.R. 3813, as passed by the House, retaining the title and section designations as they appear in Rules Committee Print 112–14 to the extent possible, and to make technical and conforming changes. The rule provides that upon the addition of the text of H.R. 3408 or H.R. 3813, as passed by the House, to the engrossment of H.R. 7, H.R. 3408 or H.R. 3813 (as the case may be) shall be laid on the table. Finally, the rule authorizes the chair of each of the following committees to file a supplemental report to accompany any of the following measures: Natural Resources, with respect to H.R. 3407, 3408, and 3410; Ways and Means, with respect to H.R. 3864; and Oversight and Government Reform, with respect to H.R. 3813. Testimony was heard from Chairman Mica, Chairman Issa, Chairman Hastings of Washington, Representatives Southerland, Franks of Ari-

zona, Scalise, Rahall, Connolly of Virginia, Markey, Garamendi, Hanabusa and Polis.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D74)

H.R. 3801, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify the definition of aircraft and the offenses penalized under the aviation smuggling provisions under that Act. Signed on February 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–93)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, and Chester John Culver, of Iowa, and Bruce J. Sherrick, of Illinois, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine energy and economic growth for rural America, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine pay for performance, focusing on incentive compensation at large financial institutions, 2 p.m., SD–538.

*Committee on the Budget:* To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Finance:* To continue hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* To hold hearings to examine the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, focusing on protecting those who protect us, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Jeffrey J. Helmick, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Mary Geiger Lewis, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Timothy S. Hillman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.